

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the ~~provision~~ use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

an authenticating unit to authenticate the second terminal by the use of authentication data to authenticate the second terminal;

an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice, including the authentication data;

a generation unit configured to generate the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

a providing unit configured to provide the chat space to the first terminal and the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for distributing contents sent according to a reservation made in advance, to the second terminal in real time, and

the second service is a service for providing a chat space corresponding to the reservation for the second terminal.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for providing the second terminal with a chat space corresponding to a reservation made in advance for distributing contents in real time, and

the second service is a service for distributing the contents to the second terminal in real time.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal;

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including the authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

providing the chat space to the first terminal and the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A recording medium storing a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal;

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including the authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

providing the chat space to the first terminal and the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A computer readable carrier including computer program instructions to cause a computer to implement a method of managing a first service

of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal;

acquiring reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service to the second terminal, the second terminal receiving a distribution notice in accordance with a second terminal address of the reservation from the information processing apparatus, the distribution notice including the authentication data;

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

providing the chat space to the first terminal and the second terminal designated to be distributed by the first terminal.